

commonwealth of Massachusetts for the use of the naval militia shall be available for the payment of all damages and other expenses incident to the use of such ships. Claims for damages shall be paid only when approved by the adjutant general, and the releases obtained shall be in such form as he may prescribe.

care, etc., of United States ships may be used, defined.

SECTION 2. Claims for damages including those ascertained during the year nineteen hundred and fifteen may be paid from the appropriation for the fiscal year in which the amount of damage is ascertained, without regard to the date of the actual occurrence of the damage.

Claims, how paid.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 23, 1916.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS OF CORPORATIONS LICENSED AS INSURANCE AGENTS AND BROKERS. Chap. 11

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section two of chapter eighty-two of the General Acts of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen is hereby amended by striking out the word "three", in the eighth line, and inserting in place thereof the word:— five,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 2.* The insurance commissioner may require any such corporation, upon making an application for a license or for the renewal of a license, to file with him such information as he may request relating to the corporation and its officers, directors and stockholders, and the commissioner may make such examination of the corporation's affairs as he may deem necessary. Every such license shall designate the officers of the corporation, not exceeding five, who may solicit or negotiate contracts of insurance in the name and in behalf of the corporation.

1915, 82 (G), § 2, amended.

Insurance commissioner may require certain corporations to furnish information, etc.

*Approved February 23, 1916.*

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FROM MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE. Chap. 12

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section seventy-one of chapter five hundred and seventy-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the words:— except that an inspection by a competent person of a group of employees whose lives are to be insured and their environment may be substituted for such medical

1907, 576, § 71, amended.

Certain employees exempt from medical examination for life insurance.

examination in cases where the insurance is granted under a single policy issued to a given person, firm or corporation, covering simultaneously a group of not less than one hundred lives all in the employ of such person, firm or corporation, — so that said paragraph will read as follows: — *Section 71.* No life insurance company organized under the laws of or doing business in this commonwealth shall enter into any contract of insurance upon lives within this commonwealth without having previously made or caused to be made a prescribed medical examination of the insured by a registered medical practitioner; except that an inspection by a competent person of a group of employees whose lives are to be insured and their environment may be substituted for such medical examination in cases where the insurance is granted under a single policy issued to a given person, firm or corporation, covering simultaneously a group of not less than one hundred lives all in the employ of such person, firm or corporation.

*(The foregoing was laid before the governor on the seventeenth day of February, 1916, and after five days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)*

*Chap. 13* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AUDITING OF TOWN ACCOUNTS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1910, 598, § 1, etc., amended.

Auditing of accounts of towns.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter five hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten, as amended by section one of chapter seven hundred and six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 1.* Any town at a town meeting legally called for the purpose may petition the director of the bureau of statistics for an audit of its accounts, or for the installation of a system of accounts by him approved, and said director, as soon as possible after the receipt of such a petition, shall cause such audit to be made or system of accounts to be installed as the case may be; or a town may provide in its by-laws for periodical audits under the direction of the director of the bureau of statistics, and said director shall cause such audits to be made.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 25, 1916.*